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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is Statement of the Substance of the Interview of M. Keith Sharp in the above-identified patent application entitled HYPODERMIC NEEDLE.

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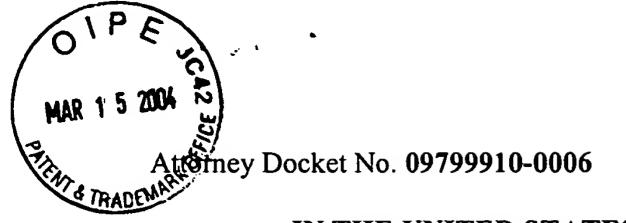
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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

SIR:

This Statement of the Substance of the Interview is being filed, in reference to the interview with Examiner Matthew F. DeSanto, on November 12, 2003. Applicant would like to thank Examiner Matthew F. DeSanto for his helpful and courteous discussion held with Applicant's representative on November 12, 2003. During the interview, Applicant and Examiner discussed language that would overcome prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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